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Conference with Capt. McFarlane ONI regarding errors in ONI Publication ███

1. I called on Capt. McFarlane on 12 December to discuss increased coordination between ONI and I/SH of production of Shipyard Studies for the NIS. As a "horrible example" of lack of coordination and comment prior to publication I cited ONI ███. This is a pamphlet in the Ports   25X1A2g and Facilities Series on Shipyards in the Black Sea Area dated October 1954. There are not only many minor errors of fact in ███ but there   25X1A2g are several major errors which show lack of competence on the part of the author. For example:

(a) The management of several of the yards is placed under the wrong Ministry.

(b) Statements are made that the yards are working to full capacity (3 shifts) yet comparing production with capability demonstrates that they are working only about 50% capacity of 1 shift.

(c) Some yard capabilities are incorrect.

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2. I stated that while we had no reason to comment officially on ███ I believed that the substance of this report would be used in 64E of the N.I.S. which will require comment, by I/SH. I suggested that coordination of NIS at the analyst level prior to submission of the final draft by ONI would help to prevent errors. Capt. McFarlane thought that such coordination was desirable and so told his officers who have charge of producing the N.I.S. and such studies as ███ I   25X1A2g was told later by these officers, however, that deadlines which they have to meet would prevent any coordination on the NIS prior to final submission. They also stated that an early deadline caused ███ to   25X1A2g be published with practically no review by competent personnel.

3. It appears therefore that my visit was successful in getting corrections of the errors noted in ███ but was a failure so far as   25X1A2g getting analyst coordination of early drafts of Section 64E of the N.I.S.

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